

GENEALOGY  
OF  
JOSEPH LOOMIS.

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*Orthography of the name Loomis.*—Nearly all of those persons in the United States who are known by the name of Loomis are descended from Joseph Loomis, who settled in Windsor, Conn., in 1639. This name, in the lapse of time, has undergone various changes of orthography. For somewhat more than a century it has, with few exceptions, been spelled Loomis. Previous to that time, the more common spelling was Lomis. On the oldest grave-stones at Colchester the name is spelled Lomis. On the early town records at Windsor the name is generally spelled Lomys, but on the oldest grave-stone of any member of this family now known to exist any where in America, the name is spelled Lomas. This is the grave-stone of Deac. John Lomas, who died at Windsor, Sept. 1, 1688.

In England, for more than a century past, the name has uniformly been spelled Lomas, but two or three centuries ago the name was sometimes spelled Lummas, Lommas, or Lomes. All these names are considered to be variations in the spelling of one original name, and the spelling now well established in England is Lomas, while the spelling adopted in the United States is Loomis.

*Proof that Joseph Loomis came from Braintree, England.*—Joseph Loomis, one of the first settlers of Windsor, Conn., came from Braintree, Essex County, England, in the year 1638. This fact is established by the following document, being a deposition made July 30, 1639, by one of the passengers in the same ship with Joseph Loomis. The original, of which this is a copy, is in the possession of Mr. J. Hammond Trumbull of Hartford, Conn., President of the Connecticut Historical Society.